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Group: 1619

APPLICATION NO: 09/883,572

FILED: JUNE 18, 2001

FOR: CGMP PDE 5 INHIBITORS FOR INHALATION IN THE TREATMENT
OF SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION

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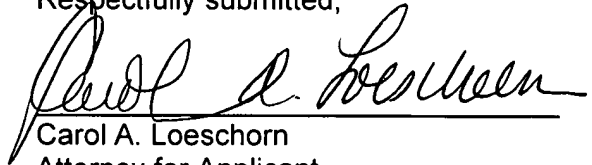
In accordance with telephone conversations between Examiner Mina Haghighatian and the undersigned on November 19 and 20, 2001, applicant is resubmitting by hand delivery the IDS, PTO-1449 form and 26 references which were filed on September 18, 2001, and received at PTO on September 18, 2001 as evidenced by the return postcard, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Since applicant had timely filed the original IDS, it is submitted no fee is necessary by the instant submission. However, if a fee is necessary, authorization is hereby given to charge such fee to Deposit Account No.19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

Applicant also submitted a claim of priority with the IDS of September 18, 2001 as evidenced by the enclosed documents.

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Respectfully submitted,



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Date: November 20, 2001

Encls.: copy of PTO-1449 form with 26 references
Copy of IDS sent on September 18, 2001
Copy of International Search Report
Copy of UK Search Report
Copy of British Application 9828340.1
Copy of postcard dated September 18, 2001

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I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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Sir:

This paper is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application. Therefore, no fees are required. If a fee is deemed to be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0134.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant wishes to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached PTO-1449 form. The asterisked references (*) were cited in an International Search Report, and the asterisked references (**) were cited in a UK Search Report. In any event, a copy of the Search Reports and a copy of all the references listed on the PTO-1449 form are enclosed herewith.

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The foreign documents cited on the Search Reports and listed in the table below are not in English, but applicants are providing what they believe to be an English language equivalent.

| Foreign Application | English Equivalent |
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| EP 96/1799 | US 5,861,396 |
| WO 96/36625 | US 5,902,824 |
| WO 96/36626 | US 6,080,782 |
| WO 97/28131 | US 6,191,138 |
| WO 98/21207 | US 6,043,263 |
| WO 98/21209 | US 6,172,074 |

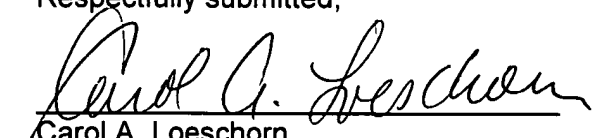
Only the English equivalents are listed on the PTO 1449 form and are enclosed herewith. If the Examiner requests, applicants will provide copies of the foreign documents.

Also, Applicants have included the English language abstract for German language DE 44 20 708, which is enclosed herewith.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

Also, Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention of British Application No. 9828340.1, filed December 22, 1998, copy of which enclosed. This British application is acknowledged in the Declaration of the instant case.

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